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REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claim1 is pending in the application, being an

independent claim. Claims 2-28 are sought to be canceled. Support for these amendments is

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found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. These amendments add no new matter, and

their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that they have adequately provided for any extensions of time or

required fees or petitions in order to have this paper considered and/or keep the application

pending. However, if extensions of time or any other fees or petitions are necessary, then

applicants hereby petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) or any other rule, and the fees therefor

(including fees for net addition of claims or other petition fees) are hereby authorized to be

charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing docket number 04853.0002.CNUS03.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Michael Stimson at (202)

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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